

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a data processing device, comprising:
configuring the data processing device to recognize a visual on state and a visual off state,
the visual on state comprising any mode in which the data processing device is processing data and responsive to requests; and
the visual off state comprising a state identical to a visual on state except in that all user visible and user audible indicators of activity are turned off;
identifying a request to turn off the data processing device; and
transitioning the data processing device to the visual off state by turning off all audible and visual indicators on the data processing device and on any human interface device (“HID device”) coupled to the data processing device instead of turning off the data processing device .
2. (Canceled).
3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein identifying a request to turn off the data processing device further comprises intercepting the request prior to receipt by an operating system on the data processing device.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:
identifying a request to turn on the data processing device; and
transitioning the data processing device from the visual off state to the visual on state.
5. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 4 wherein transitioning the data processing device from the visual off state to the visual on state further comprises turning on the audible and visual indicators on the data processing device and on the any HID device coupled to the data processing device.
6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the request to turn off the data processing device is generated by one of a power button on the data processing device, a button on a display coupled to the data processing device, a predefined key on a keyboard

coupled to the data processing device and a button on a remote control device coupled to the data processing device.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the request to turn off the data processing device is generated automatically based on input from one or more devices coupled to the data processing device.
8. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the request to turn off the data processing device is generated automatically upon expiration of a predetermined period of inactivity.
9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the any HID device coupled to the data processing device includes at least one of one or more display devices, a keyboard, a mouse and a speaker.
10. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 wherein transitioning the data processing device to the visual off state further comprises transitioning the data processing device to a low power state upon receiving an instruction to do so from an operating system on the data processing device.
11. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1 wherein transitioning the data processing device to the visual off state further comprises turning off a computation process that generates output to the any HID device.
12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the any HID device is a display device and turning off the computation process that generates output to the display device further comprises:
turning off a portion of a graphics controller capable of performing graphics computations;
intercepting messages from an operating system to the graphics controller; and
storing at least one of the messages from the operating system to at least one location.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 12 wherein the at least one location includes at least one of a memory and a hard disk.
14. (Original) The method according to Claim 12 further comprising:
turning on the audible and visual indicators on the display device;
turning on the portion of the graphics controller capable of performing graphics computations; and
executing the at least one of the messages from the operating system stored in the at least one location on the data processing system.
15. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the any HID device is a speaker and turning off the portion of the computation that generates output to the speaker further comprises:
turning off a portion of an audio adapter capable of performing audio computations;
intercepting messages from the operating system to the audio adapter; and
storing at least one of the messages from the operating system to at least one location.
16. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15 further comprising:
turning on the audible and visual indicators on the speaker;
turning on the portion of the audio adapter capable of performing audio computations;
and
executing the at least one of the messages from the operating system stored in the at least one location.
17. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
a data processing device configured to recognize a visual on state and a visual off state,
the visual on state comprising any mode in which the data processing device is processing data and responsive to requests; and
the visual off state comprising a state identical to the visual on state except in that all user visible and user audible indicators of activity are turned off;
at least one human interface device (“HID device”) coupled to the data processing device; and

a module capable of intercepting a request to turn off the data processing device and instead transition the data processing device into the visual off state by turning off all audible and visual indicators on the data processing device and on any HID device coupled to the data processing device.

18. (Original) The system according to Claim 17 further comprising a power button coupled to the data processing device, the power button capable of issuing the request to turn off the data processing device.
19. (Canceled).
20. (Original) The system according to Claim 17 wherein the module further intercepts the request to turn off the data processing device prior to receipt by an operating system on the data processing device.
21. (Original) The system according to Claim 17 wherein the module is further capable of: identifying a request to turn on the data processing device; and transitioning the data processing device from the visual off state to the visual on state.
22. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 21 wherein the module transitions the data processing device from the visual off state to the visual on state by turning on the audible and visual indicators on the data processing device and on the any HID device coupled to the data processing device.
23. (Original) The system according to Claim 18 wherein the power button includes at least one of a power button on the data processing device, a button on a display coupled to the data processing device, a predefined key on a keyboard coupled to the data processing device and a button on a remote control device coupled to the data processing device.
24. (Original) The system according to Claim 18 wherein the power button further includes an input device coupled to the data processing device wherein the input device is capable of capturing and transmitting user information to the data processing device, and wherein

the user information is processed to generate the request to turn off the data processing device.

25. (Original) The system according to Claim 18 wherein the power button further includes a timing mechanism capable of automatically generating the request to turn off the data processing device upon expiration of a predetermined period of inactivity.
26. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 18 wherein the any HID device coupled to the data processing device includes at least one of one or more display devices, a keyboard, a mouse and a speaker.
27. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 18 further comprising an operating system, wherein the module is further capable of transitioning the data processing device to a low power state upon receiving an instruction to do so from the operating system.
28. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 18 further comprising at least one of a graphics controller and an audio adapter.
29. (Previously Presented) The system according to Claim 28 wherein portions of the at least one of the graphics controller and the audio adapter capable of performing computations are turned off.
30. (Original) The system according to Claim 29 further comprising at least one storage location and wherein a driver corresponding to each of the at least one of the graphics controller and the audio adapter are capable of intercepting messages from the operating system and storing at least one of the messages from the operating system to the at least one storage location.
31. (Original) The system according to Claim 30 wherein the at least one storage location includes at least one of a memory and a hard disk.

Claims 32– 47 (Canceled).